

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 4, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Park Management Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Travelers' Rest State Park

WORK START/END DATES: May 26 to August 31, 2019 (Flexible)

HOURS/WEEK: 32-40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: Beginning of internship

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC.): Pay \$10.00 per hour plus per diem if travel is necessary.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: This position will gain experience in a wide range of park management responsibilities working in a busy Montana State Park with a visitor center focused on the rich history of this National Historic Landmark, an active education and interpretive program and many day-use recreational components. The intern will be involved in all daily park management activities, gaining invaluable professional experience in park operations, volunteer management, maintenance, interpretation and recreation management.

A specific focus of this internship will be gathering data for an ongoing research project, being conducted in cooperation with the parks non-profit partner and the University of Montana School of Forestry. In 2019, the research project will focus on gathering data related to park visitor expectations. The park has a wide diversity of users – from national and international tourists seeking an authentic interpretive experience to local residents seeking a place to go fishing or walk their dog. As Travelers' Rest moves into the next stage of park and program development, we are seeking information from park visitors to gauge what direction would be of most benefit for are diverse user groups. A survey instrument and methodology are being developed under the guidance of Dr. Jennifer Thomsen, Assistant Professor of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at UM.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Basic knowledge of park management and operations. Familiarity with data gathering techniques. Knowledge or interest of Lewis and Clark history, local Native American culture or native prairie ecosystems is preferred. Suitable for graduate or undergraduate. Preference to those students in Parks, Tourism, Recreation Management or Resource Interpretation programs.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.): Resume, cover letter, work related references. Please send to contact person listed above, preferably via email.